

Teen Driver Task Force Meeting – Meeting Minutes

11/1/18

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Public Safety Building – DMV

OHS Conference Room – 2nd Floor

Dover, DE

Attendees:

Sarah Cattie, Office of Highway Safety
Michael Wagner, DOE – Driver Education
Pete Booker, SmartDrive Foundation
Amy Anthony, Department of Motor Vehicles
Shannon Timmons, Cape Henlopen HS
Anthony Kwoka, DDSEA
Cindy Cavett, Office of Highway Safety
Kevin Jones, DATE

Sarah Cattie updated the group about OHS' participation in National Teen Driver Safety Week – October 21 – 27. This included kits distributed at the in-service day in October, PSAs on iHeart radio (with Delaware teens completing the tagline) and a twitter chat with OHS and SmartDrive.

A discussion started about SROs and how to get them more involved in traffic safety and driver's education activities like Teen Driver Safety Week. The consensus was that some SROs are involved in programs and some are not. Tracy will reach out to DSP and the SROs in their program. They have an annual meeting and Anthony would like the opportunity to meet with them and discuss the driving programs that could use their help. Anthony and Shannon will work on a presentation and submit it to Tracy.

Sarah also updated the task force regarding the meeting that was held with the Insurance Commissioner over the summer. Sarah provided the DSHS Office of the Secretary with a Legislative Memo in regards to this project. OSEC makes a determination regarding which legislation can be pursued/supported in the next legislative session. No update has been made from OSEC yet regarding this project. Questions came up from both Shannon and Anthony regarding the project. Sarah explained that the meeting and the legislative memo were preliminary actions that needed to be taken to start this process and that no decisions had been made. All members of the task force will be part of the conversation regarding this issue in the future.

Individual Member Updates:

Tracy Condon – Tracy is working on getting updated information from DSP in regards to National Teen Driver Safety Week activities.

Pete Booker – SmartDrive has been working on the Click4Life program with seat belt awareness. The students are the mechanism for the program and have handed out the incentives and get others involved in the program. There is an online pledge to sign with follow up assessments of the program. PROMise will start up again in the spring – the dates have been backed up a bit as schools are holding proms earlier and earlier.

Michael Wagner – The Current Issues in Driver Education program was very well received with the Behind the Wheel Training and DITEP. In the future, the DITEP program can be cut down from 16 hours to 8 hours. There was an outpouring of support and doubled participation in the PSAs for National Teen Driver Safety Week this year compared to last.

Amy Anthony – There are been some issues recently (anecdotally – reports from parents) regarding drivers aggressively targeting novice drivers who have the novice driver magnet on their car. Tracy offered that they can call 911 to report aggressive drivers. This might be an opportunity for some social media message about this issue. Shannon asked Amy for a link to the black/orange work zone safety video that DelDOT produced to share with her students.

Kevin Jones – No update from DATE at this time.

In group discussion, Shannon and Anthony mentioned that students are asking more questions about pedestrians in crosswalks. Amy will look at the Pedestrian section to see what she can add.

Another issue came up in regards to DelJIS identifying licenses as specifically GDL. Tracy will get in contact with DelJIS to see ask. She will also give a reminder to the traffic lieutenants.

The next Teen Driver Task Force Meeting will be held on January 31, 2019 at 9 am in the OHS Conference Room. An invitation will follow via Outlook.